

CHAPTER NO. 177

HOUSE BILL NO. 3440

By Representatives Pinion, Phelan

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3431

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Chapter 87 of the Private Acts of 1981 and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Kenton.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 87 of the Private Acts of 1981 and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Kenton, is amended by adding the following language between the second and third sentences of subsection (a) of Section 2.01 of Article II:

At the General Election to be held in November, 2002, and every quadrennial election held thereafter, a Mayor, six (6) Aldermen and a City Judge shall be elected for terms of four (4) years.

SECTION 2. Chapter 87 of the Private Acts of 1981 and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting in its entirety subsection (d) of Section 2.01 of Article II and by substituting instead the following:

(d) Each elector shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate for Mayor in the first election and in each election held at four-year intervals thereafter. Each elector shall be entitled to vote for six (6) candidates for Alderman in the first election and in subsequent quadrennial elections. Each elector shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate for City Judge in the first election and in subsequent quadrennial elections. In the first election the six (6) candidates for Aldermen and City Judge receiving the highest number of votes and the Mayor shall be elected for terms of two (2) years. Beginning with the State General Election to be held in November, 2002, elections shall be held every four (4) years with the State General Election in November to elect in the same manner a Mayor and six (6) Aldermen, and City Judge for four-year terms. The terms of office of the Mayor and Aldermen and City Judge shall begin at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of December following their election, and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. No informality shall invalidate such an election, provided it is conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of this Charter and the general election laws of this State.

SECTION 3. Chapter 87 of the Private Acts of 1981 and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting in subsection (b) of Section 2.02 of Article II the language "biennial" and by substituting instead the language "quadrennial".

SECTION 4. Chapter 87 of the Private Acts of 1981 and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting in Section 2.04 of Article II the language "biennial" and by substituting instead the language "quadrennial".

SECTION 5. The incumbent Mayor, Aldermen and City Judge serving in November, 2002, shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 7. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Body of the City of Kenton. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Presiding Officer of the City of Kenton and certified to the Secretary of State.


SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 7.

PASSED: May 1, 1998


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18th day of May 1998


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR